Station Qila Raipur on Ludhiana-Takhal section killing 25 passengers.

(c) to (e) Details in this regard are awaited from the Government of Punjab.

(f) The security agencies are vigilant and have been taking appropriate, timely action to deal with terrorism.

Sanctioning of Telephone Connections

240. SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA:
SHRI S. S. ALUWALIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone connections sanctioned out of quota/discretionary quota respectively from 1st December, 1990 to 20th June, 1991;

(b) whether it is a fact that rules were flouted while santioning the said connections;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some complaints have been received about phone connections sanctioned/issued on the forged signatures;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(e) whether Government propose to cancell all the said sanctions if so, the details thereof and number of connections likely to be cancelled; and

(f) if not, whether Government have made arrangements for sufficient infrastructure and staff for providing telephone connections?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Number of out of turn telephone connections sanctioned from 1st December, 1990 to 30th June, 1991 is 21980.

(b) These telephones were sanctioned under discretionary powers.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f) Discrepancies in sanction orders were noticed by the field units. An Investigation by Vigilance Department has been ordered and is in progress. Further action will be taken after receipt of Vigilance Report.

Committee on Pension to Freedom Fighters of Old Hyderabad State

241. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a committee has been set up to look into the pending cases of Pension relating to the freedom fighters in Telangana region of old Hyderabad State;

(b) whether the Committee has since submitted its report;

(c) if so, what are the salient features thereof; and

(d) whether the report has been scrutinised by Government and if so, the decision, if any, taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The Special Screening Committee initially constituted on 5-10-1983 to screen/scrutinise applications from the persons belonging to the erstwhile Nizam State of Hyderabad was reconstituted on 30-8-1990 to consider the pending applications.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

उपभोक्ताओं को नई टेलीफोन निर्देशिका की आपूर्ति का प्रावधान

242. **डा. अबरार अहमद :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या टेलीफोन उपभोक्ताओं को प्रति वर्ष नई टेलीफोन निर्देशिका दिये जाने का प्रावधान है; यदि हां, तो दिल्ली और जयपुर के उपभोक्ताओं के लिए अब तक किस वर्ष तक की टेलीफोन निर्देशिका प्रकाशित और वितरित की जा चुकी है और यदि इस कार्य में कोई विलम्ब हुआ है तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

संचार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पी. वी. रंगैया नायडू) : जी हां। टेलीफोन डायरेक्ट्रियां वार्षिक रूप से प्रकाशित की जानी अपेक्षित है। दिल्ली/जयपुर की टेलीफोन डायरेक्ट्रियों के पिछले संस्करण इस प्रकार प्रकाशित/वितरित किये गये :

	दिल्ली	जयपुर
अंग्रेजी		
मुख्य संस्करण	1989 संस्करण	1986 संस्करण
अनुपूरक संस्करण	1990 संस्करण	—
हिन्दी		
मुख्य संस्करण	1988 संस्करण	1990 संस्करण

दोनों राज्यों में डायरेक्ट्रियो को समय से जारी करने में विलम्ब हुआ क्योंकि ठेकेदार करार की शर्तों को पूरा नहीं कर सके।

Water Transport on Buckingham Canal between Kakinada and Madras

243. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have submitted any proposal for water transport on Buckingham Canal between Kakinada and Madras; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and at what stage of consideration the proposal stands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) A Project Report for the development of Buckingham Canal and Commamur Canal between Madras and Vijayawada at an estimated cost of Rs. 37.18 crores has been submitted in February, 1991 for consideration as Centrally Sponsored Scheme under which 50 per cent of the sanctioned cost is provided as Central loan assistance. Certain clarifications/comments have been asked from State Governments of Andhra Pradesh/Tamil Nadu.

Widening of National Highway between Vijayawada and Chilakaluripeta

244. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to widen National Highway in between Vijayawada and Chilakaluripeta to four lanes; if so, what are the reasons for undue delay in executing the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Yes Sir. The work of four-landing of NH 5 between Vijayawada and Chilakaluripeta is proposed to be taken up in stages depending upon availability of funds initially, laid acquisi-